

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
6603 West Broad Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Richmond, VA 23230-1712**

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**June 17, 2005**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry R. Willis, D.C., Chair  
Sandra A. Bell, M.D.  
Gopinath Jadhav, M.D.  
Robert Mosby, M.D.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gary Miler, M.D.  
Jane Piness, M.D.  
Karen Ransone, M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director  
Ola Powers, Deputy Executive Director - Licensing  
Emily Wingfield, Assistant Attorney General  
Lorraine McGehee, APD  
Leigh Kiczales, APD

The meeting of the Credentials Committee convened at 9am.

**INTERVIEWS**

**Jorge S. Vazquez, M.D.**

Jorge S. Vazquez, M.D., being duly sworn, appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia code section 54.1-2913.1(2). Upon conclusion of the hearing, Dr. Willis entertained motions.

Dr. Bell moved to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (28), to deliberate to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Vazquez's application to practice medicine. Additionally, she moved that William Harp, M.D., Emily Wingfield, Ola Powers, Lorraine McGehee and Leigh Kiczales attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(D).

The Committee found that Dr. Vazquez did not meet the requirements for licensure as established by Section 54.1-2913.1(2) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

Based on these findings, Dr. Bell moved to deny Dr. Vazquez's application for a license. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **Elizabeth Kendall Plasse, P.A.**

Elizabeth Kendall Plasse appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice as a physician assistant pursuant to Virginia Code Section 54.1-2914(A) (9). Upon conclusion of the hearing, Dr. Willis entertained motions.

Dr. Bell moved to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (28), to deliberate to reach a decision in the matter of Elizabeth Plasse's application as a physician assistant. Additionally, she moved that William Harp, M.D., Emily Wingfield, Ola Powers, Lorraine McGehee and Leigh Kiczales attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(D).

The Committee found that, by application dated February 18, 2005, Ms. Plasse applied for licensure as a physician assistant in the Commonwealth of Virginia. By her own admission, she has been treated for, and continues in treatment, for issues that can impair, and Ms. Plasse is scheduled to take the Physician Assistant National Certifying examination on July 26, 2005. Based on these findings Dr. Bell moved to approve Ms. Plasse's application for a license contingent upon proof of entry into a Recovery Monitoring Contract with the Virginia Health Practitioners' Intervention Program and in the event that Ms. Plasse does not enter into a Recovery Monitoring Contract within six (6) months from the entry of her Board Order, her application will be denied. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **Samuel Mark McAllister, M.D.**

Samuel M. McAllister, M.D. appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice medicine pursuant to Virginia section 54.1-2915(5) and (3), as further defined in 54.1-2914(A)(9) of the Code. Upon conclusion of the hearing, Dr. Willis entertained motions.

Dr. Bell moved to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A) (28), to deliberate to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. McAllister's application to practice medicine. Additionally, she moved that William Harp, M.D., Emily Wingfield, Ola Powers, Lorraine McGehee and Leigh Kiczales attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(D).

The Committee found that by application dated October 14, 2004, Dr. McAllister applied for licensure to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia, that Dr. McAllister was unable to successfully complete residency programs at the University of Mississippi Medical College in pediatrics and psychiatry, and Virginia Commonwealth University in

psychiatry. The evaluations from medical school rotations and residencies indicated that Dr. McAllister demonstrated significant knowledge deficits and problems with organization. As the issue of organization may be amenable to medical treatment, Dr. McAllister is pursuing that route. A letter from his treating physician stated that Dr. McAllister is improving, but it is “too early to draw firm conclusions.” Based on these findings, Dr. Bell moved to deny Dr. McAllister’s application for a license. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **Raymond P. Gasbarra, R.T.**

Raymond P. Gasbarra appeared before the Committee to respond to its inquiry regarding the possible refusal to issue a license to practice radiologic technology in Virginia pursuant to Sections 54.1-2916 (A) (1) and 54.1-2915(3) of the Code, as further defined in 54.1-2914.A(5). Upon conclusion of the hearing, Dr. Willis entertained motions.

Dr. Bell moved to go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A) (28), to deliberate to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Gasbarra’s application for radiologic technology. Additionally, she moved that William Harp, M.D., Emily Wingfield, Ola Powers, Lorraine McGehee and Leigh Kiczales attend the closed meeting because their presence would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Committee returned to open session following the procedure for certification of executive meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712(D).

The Committee found that by application dated March 23, 2005, Mr. Gasbarra applied for licensure as a radiologic technologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia, that during the period from 1979 to 1994, he was convicted of two (2) felonies and four (4) misdemeanors in the State of New York, that he stated to the Committee that during the time period of 1979 to 1994, he used alcohol and other substances. He stated that he had not used alcohol or drugs in over ten years. He further stated that since incarceration in 1992, he completed and received two undergraduate degrees at community colleges. Further, he worked as a radiologic technologist in Binghamton, New York since 2000, and Mr. Gasbarra’s current employer, Wilson Memorial Regional Medical Center, Johnson City, New York, provided an evaluation to the Board that rated Mr. Gasbarra’s skills as good to superior, and recommended him without reservation for licensure. Based on these findings, Dr. Mosby moved to approve Mr. Gasbarra’s application for a license. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **Arnold T. Berman, M.D.**

Arnold T. Berman, M.D. failed to appear for his scheduled hearing and did not notify the Board of his intention not to appear; therefore, his application for a license to practice medicine is withdrawn and his application fee forfeited.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting of the Credentials Committee was adjourned.

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Jerry R. Willis, D.C .  
Chair

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William L. Harp, M.D.  
Executive Director

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Ola Powers  
Recording Secretary